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RESEARCH AIDS

Lowery, Roger C. and Sue A. Cody. *Political Science: Illustrated Search Strategy and Sources: With an Introduction to Legal Resources for Undergraduates.* Ann Arbor, MI: The Piernan Press, 1993.

Guide for undergraduate research in Political Science. Includes information on how to select and narrow topics, computer database searching, U.S. Government and more. Good source for the beginning researcher.

Martin, Fenton S. and Robert Goehlert. *How to Research Congress.* Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, Inc., 1996.

Introduction to sources to facilitate research on all aspects of Congress. Content includes: almanacs, indexes, electronic products and online services and databases. Useful research tool.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES

Cohen, Norman S. *The American Presidents: An Annotated Bibliography.* Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, 1989.

Contains general bibliographies and studies on the Presidency. Also has separate chapters on Presidents Washington to Bush. Information easy to access. Annotations range from 50 to 100 words.

Johansen, Elaine. *Political Corruption: Scope and Resources: An Annotated Bibliography*. NY: Garland, 1990.

Covers last twenty-five years of political corruption in the United States. Includes books, dissertations, government publications and law cases. Book has subject and author index and contains 914 entries. Will need updating.

Martin, Fenton S. and Robert U. Goehlert. *The American Presidency: A Bibliography*. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly Inc., 1987.

Lists 8,567 works about the presidency, its history, development and powers. Presented as thirteen topical chapters. For example: "The President and the Media" and "The President and the Law." Good for historical research on the presidency. Entries are not annotated.

_____. *American Presidents: A Bibliography*. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, Inc., 1987.

Arranged chronologically from Washington to Reagan. Contains 13,000 entries covering private and public lives, policies and accomplishments. Material based on scholarly journals, research monographs, and dissertations. Well indexed, but entries are not annotated. Good source for retrospective research.

York,, Henry E. *Political Science: A Guide to Reference and Information Sources*. Englewood, CO: Libraries Unlimited, 1990.

Comprised of 805 descriptive annotations of major sources in political science. Fields grouped in six chapters. Sources listed alphabetically by type of publication. Does not include government documents. Has separate author/title/subject indexes. Easily accessible research tool.

DICTIONARIES

Eigen, Lewis D. and Jonathan Siegal. *The Macmillan Dictionary of Political Quotations*. NY: Macmillan, 1993.

Organized into topical chapters with 11,000 quotes on various subjects. Each quote has full citation. Easy access. Indexed by author and concept. Good source.

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Kravitz, Walter. *Congressional Quarterly's American Congressional Dictionary*. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, Inc., 1993.

Quick reference source of definitions and brief explanation of terms and expressions used in Congress. Useful to gain an understanding of political terminology unique to Congress. Work contains 900 terms.

Plano, Jack C. and Milton Greenberg., 9th ed. *The American Political Dictionary*. San Diego: Harcourt Brace & Co., 1993.

Divided into chapters on political ideas. For example: the U.S. Constitution, Civil Rights, and Political Parties. Terms defined and significance to historical or contemporary American Government explained. Cross references within articles. Has dictionary and subject arrangement.

Safire, William. *Safire's New Political Dictionary: The Definitive Guide to the New Language of Politics*. NY: Random House, 1993.

Comprehensive guide to political terms and phrases with focus on American politics. Entries longer than a traditional dictionary. Well indexed.

Shafritz, Jay M. *The Harper Collins Dictionary of American Government and Politics*. NY: Harper Collins Publishing, 1992.

Dictionary contains 5,000 terms, phrases to enhance understanding of American Government and politics at all levels. Includes concepts, people, laws and court cases. Inclusive source.

Young, Michael. *The American Dictionary of Campaigns and Elections*. Lanham, MD: Hamilton Press, 1987.

Defines over 700 terms relating to American political campaigns. Includes bibliography and topical index. Dated, but still useful.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Congressional Quarterly: Guide to Current American Government, Spring 1996. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, Inc. 1996.

Divided into four sections: Foundations of American Government, Political Participation, Government Institutions, and Politics and Public Policy. Articles taken from *Congressional Quarterly Weekly*. Good overview of current political and national scene.

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Silbey, Joel, ed. *Encyclopedia of the American Legislative System: Studies of the Principal Structures, Processes, and Policies of Congress and the State Legislatures Since the Colonial Era.* NY: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1994.

Three volume set contains signed essays exploring major aspects of American legislative system on national, state and local level. Essays have annotated bibliographies. In six sections, arranged thematically.

The United States Government Manual. Washington, DC: Government Printing Office.

Official handbook of the U.S. Government. Published annually. Provides information on all agencies of legislative, judicial and executive branches. Also covers quasi-official agencies. Articles explain powers, history, and purpose of each unit. Good source on U.S. Government. Indexed by names, agency, and subject.

Washington Information Directory. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, Inc.

Published annually. Information on government agencies and Congress. Includes brief description of function of each. Fax and Internet addresses provided. Extensive name and subject index.

RETROSPECTIVE

Greene, Jack P., ed. *Encyclopedia of American Political History: Studies of the Principal Movements and Ideas.* NY: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1984.

Three volume collection of ninety signed essays with bibliographies. Organized by topic in alphabetical order. Topics include: Liberalism, Federalism, Jacksonian Democracy. Valuable source of brief background essays on American Politics.

Kurland, Philip B. and Ralph Lerner, eds. *The Founder's Constitution.* Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1987.

Five volume set. Anthology of the thoughts and opinions of the framers of the constitution. Core resource for research on purpose of the constitution as it relates to the formation of American government.

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ELECTIONS

Congressional Quarterly's Guide to U.S. Elections., 3d ed. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, Inc., 1994.

Election returns from 1985-1993. Also has narrative chronology of presidential elections from 1789-1992. Covers information on political parties, presidents, gubernatorial, senate and house elections. Good background on history of U.S. elections. Well indexed.

Goldstein, Michael L. *Guide to the 1996 Presidential Election.* Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, Inc., 1995.

Encompasses issues, possible candidates, political scene during 1996 campaign season. Nice guide to upcoming fall campaign, but will need supplemental current information.

Maisel, L. Sandy. *Political Parties and Elections in the United States: An Encyclopedia.* NY: Garland Publishing, Inc., 1991.

Two volume set. Provides names, dates, and basic data on political parties in the United States from Colonial times to present. Articles are signed and bibliographies provided. Eighteen appendices provide information on women and African-Americans in Congress and more. Index is in volume two. Easy to use. Good scope of coverage, but will need updating.

Nelson, Michael, ed. *Historic Documents on Presidential Elections 1787-1988.* Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, Inc., 1991.

Seventy significant speeches and documents on U.S. Presidential elections. Historical context provided for each document. Name and subject index.

Schlesinger, Arthur M., Jr., ed. *Running for President: The Candidates and Their Images.* NY: Simon and Schuster, 1994.

Two volume set covers years 1789-1896 and 1900-1992. Follows history of choosing and electing a President and changes in the system over the years. Focuses on candidates and campaigns. Photos of election memorabilia give user real flavor of elections. Index in each volume. Bibliography for each election period. Good source to capture feeling of American political tradition.

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STATISTICS

America at the Polls. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, Inc., 1994.

Two volume set covers years 1920-1956 and 1960-1992. Election results from Harding to Clinton. Organized by state. Summary of popular and electoral college votes. Data arranged chronologically by presidential election from present to past. Useful statistical source.

America Votes: A Handbook of Contemporary Election Statistics. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, Inc.

Published biennially since 1970. Provides state data on elections for Governors, U.S. Senators, U.S. House of Representatives and latest presidential race. Full page election maps. Outlines of counties and congressional districts.

Stanley, Harold W. and Richard G. Niemi. *Vital Statistics on American Politics.* Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, Inc., 1995.

Covers range of American politics. Includes information on 1994 elections and the 104th Congress. Has over 200 tables and figures. Designed to make user aware of pluses and minuses of statistical data and how to use information effectively.

THE PRESIDENCY

Levy, Leonard W. and Louis Fisher, eds. *Encyclopedia of the American Presidency.* NY: Simon and Schuster, 1994.

Four volumes containing 1,011 essays on all aspects of the American Presidency. Volume one contains alphabetical listings of entries. Each entry has bibliography. Extensive general index in volume four. Detailed multi-disciplinary source.

Nelson, Michael, ed. *Guide to the Presidency.*, 2d ed. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, Inc., 1996.

Over forty chapters pertaining to presidents as individuals, the institutional and historical character of the office, relationship with Congress, Supreme Court, public and international community. Excellent overview and statistical source on all aspects of presidency.

_____. *Historic Documents on the Presidency: 1776-1989.* Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, Inc., 1989.

Contains almost eighty documents. Includes Presidential speeches, proclamations, and statements, as well as Federalist Papers and Supreme Court decisions. Arranged chronologically. Well indexed. Dated, but useful.

The Presidency A to Z: A Ready Reference Encyclopedia. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, Inc., 1994.

Furnishes information necessary for research on the presidency. Contains 300 alphabetic entries of varying lengths. Useful appendixes and selected bibliography.

Public Papers of the Presidents: William J. Clinton 1993-1994. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1995.

Papers and speeches of 42d President. Chronologically listed. Subject and name index and document categories list provided. (Papers of Hoover, Truman, Eisenhower, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan and Bush are also available.)

Ragsdale, Lynn. *Vital Statistics on the Presidency: Washington to Clinton.* Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, 1995.

Covers information on Presidents as individuals, selection process, public opinion, public appearances, policies, relationship with Congress and Courts, as well as other aspects of the office. Comprehensive one volume source.

CONGRESS

Bacon, Donald C. and Roger H. Davidson and Morton Keller. *The Encyclopedia of the United States Congress.* NY: Simon and Schuster, 1995.

Contains 1,056 signed articles with annotated bibliographies in four volumes. Looks at all aspects of congress, its history, traditions, issues, major legislation and important events. Biographies of Presidents stress their relationship with Congress. Index is 100 pages in length.

Barone, Michael and Grant Ujifasa. *The Almanac of American Politics 1996.* Washington, DC: National Journal, Inc., 1995.

Provides information on the states and their Congressional districts. Includes brief historical and political profile of each state and map of Congressional districts. Biographical and political information on governors, senators, congressman. Good one volume source.

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Bosnich, Victor, ed. *Congressional Voting Guide: A Ten Year Compilation.* 5th ed. Dallas, TX: CVG Press, 1994.

Reports votes on over 150 selected key measures for members of House and Senate, 103d Congress. Done in reverse chronological order. Brief biographies of members given, as well as annotations of bills and vote taken. Useful tool to get a sense of party cohesion and influence of President on Congress.

Congress A to Z: A Ready Reference Encyclopedia., 2d ed. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, Inc., 1993.

Core essays give overview of structure and work of Congress. Two types of entries: three to seven page essays and briefer definitions of specific terms. Good introduction to Congress.

Congress and the Nation. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, Inc.

Multivolume set published quadrennially. Covers Truman through Bush. Chronicles all major legislation, presidential, judicial and political action taken during the administration in question. Deals with politics, economics, defense and labor issues. Detailed information.

Congressional Districts in the 1990s: A Portrait of America. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, Inc., 1993.

Political atlas which provides descriptive and statistical data on new congressional districts, as well profiling all the congressional districts. Maps for all fifty states show county and district lines. Describes economic and political forces that shape area.

Congressional Quarterly's Guide to Congress. 4th ed. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, Inc., 1991.

Information on history and operations of Congress. Good for difficult questions about Congress. Includes origins and development of Congressional powers, procedures, support for Congress, Congress and the electorate, and pressures on Congress. Extensive bibliography.

Congressional Staff Directory/ 1 and 2. Mr. Vernon, VA: Staff Directories Ltd.

Two editions per year are printed of this basic handbook on staffs and structure of Congress. Information on Congressional districts. Brief biographies of members and staffs. Keyword and subject and individual index.

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CQ Almanac. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, Inc., 1995.

Published annually since 1982. Chronicles course of major legislation and national politics. Overview of year in Congress. Stories on lawmakers. Also has glossary of terms used in Congress, key presidential texts, public laws enacted, roll call votes. Very detailed look at Washington politics.

1995-1996 Official Congressional Directory of the 104th Congress. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

Oldest handbook. First published for the 16th Congress in 1821. Government directory of members of Congress. Includes maps of Congressional districts.

BIOGRAPHY

Almanac of the American Presidency from 1789-Present: An Original Compendium of Facts and Anecdotes About Politics and the Presidency in the United States of America. NY: Facts on File, 1991.

Signed essays give view of presidents from various perspectives: military career, education, first families, politics and religion and other topics. Also provides list of basic reference sources, and a list of books published by and about presidents.

American Leaders 1789-1994: A Biographical Summary. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, Inc., 1994.

Includes brief biographies of President, Vice-President, cabinet members, Supreme Court Justices, Congressmen, governors. Good for quick reference.

DeGregorio, William A. *The Complete Book of U.S. Presidents.*, 3d ed. NY: Dembner Books, 1991.

Covers Washington to Bush. Pieces in this work detail the public and private lives of the presidents. Topics include: physical description, personality, ancestors, recreation, birth and childhood, career before Presidency, campaign and issues, quotes by the President, significant programs and events. Needs to be updated, but entries are interesting and useful.

Duncan, Phil, ed. *Politics in America 1996: The 104th Congress.* Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, Inc., 1995.

This source is published biennially. Excellent source for biographical information on congresspersons and senators. Discusses legislator's activities in Washington, analysis of legislative influence, political alliances, election data and a campaign financing report. Gives addresses, phone and fax numbers, and e-mail addresses.

Graff, Henry F., ed. *The Presidents: A Reference History.* 2d ed. NY: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1996.

Provides analyses of presidents and their administrations. Includes bibliography of primary and secondary sources for each president. Last done in 1984. Updated version through Clinton. Essays focus on the Presidency. Article on role of the First Lady added to this edition.

Kane, Joseph Nathan. *Facts About the Presidents: A Compilation Biographical and Historical Information.* 6th ed. NY: H.W. Wilson, 1993.

One volume source in two parts. Part one contains a chapter on each president through Clinton. Incorporates public and private spheres. Small bibliography included. Part two consists of tables and comparative data on the presidents and the presidency. Comprehensive source on presidential facts.

Political Profiles. NY: Facts on File, 1976-79.

A five volume set. Each volume covers a different President: Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and the Nixon-Ford. Contains 500 signed biographies on most influential people in each administration. Some individuals appear in more than one volume. Good for historical research.

Who's Who in American Politics. NY: Bowker.

Published biennially since 1967. Provides entries for individuals active in U.S. politics. Includes president and vice-president, cabinet members, key presidential appointees, and other politically active men and women on the national, state and local level. Biographical information varies in length. Number of entries varies, but can be from 20,000 to 27,000.

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